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# News Release

**Vice Chairman Jerome E. Horton**

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## **Jerome E. Horton Announces Online Educational and Learning Products**

Jerome E. Horton, Vice Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced the expansion of its available online educational products to include the virtual replication of Small Business Fairs and Seminars for Nonprofit Organizations.

These online products are a cost effective, convenient way for taxpayers to learn about the BOE tax programs and how to comply with California tax laws. The virtual seminars are designed specifically to enhance the in-person attention taxpayers can get through sales and use tax classes offered in BOE offices, and seminars offered throughout the state.

The BOE will soon offer a total virtual one-stop-shop option for Small Business Fairs and Nonprofit Seminars. The site will include links to our seminar partners: Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and other local, state and federal agencies. The site will offer contact information, presentations, videos, audio recordings and more.

The BOE will provide to our community partners, online educational and learning product training and facilitation guides on how to use the products as a convenient resource. In turn, the community partners will be capable of assisting their clients in using the BOE online products.

Virtual seminars are currently available for the following five programs:

- [Basic Sales & Use Tax](#)
- [Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [Small Business Fairs](#)
- [eFile](#)
- [Retail Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products](#)

For more information on the BOE online tutorials, visit <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>

Vice Chairman Jerome E. Horton, the 4th District Member of the BOE representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County, was unanimously named as the BOE vice chairman, as well as its Legislative Committee chair on October 6. Horton was sworn in by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at the California African American Museum on October 5. Horton is the first African American to serve on the BOE since its inception in 1879. He is also the third African American constitutional officer in

California's history. Horton was confirmed by the Assembly and the Senate on September 10. Horton served as an Assembly member from 2000-2006. Horton also worked for the Board of Equalization from 1979-2000.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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